



*Shiloh Museum of Ozark History*  
**2012 ANNUAL REPORT**



## Top Accomplishments

Transformed a donated airport building into an exhibits shop and received numerous donations of tools and furnishings to outfit the building.

Upgraded communications: new phone system, new audio-visual system in the meeting room, and new blog, "The Back-Stay."

Worked with a digitization consultant and prepared a major federal grant application to fund a photo digitization pilot project.

Celebrated 25 years of "Sheep to Shawl" with 706 students from 23 elementary-school classes.

Morphed the secretary's position from behind-the-scenes to front-desk reception and museum store manager.

Began processing the papers of Ernie Deane, including his research files, correspondence, and complete sets of *Arkansas Traveler* and *Ozarks Country* columns.

Completed a site survey, architectural drawings, and cost estimates for interior renovation of the Shiloh Meeting Hall.

Became a Washington County Master Gardeners sanctioned project.

Installed more than 43 running feet of new shelving for bulky collection items such as spinning wheels, furniture, and saddles.

Featured the exhibit *Arkansas/Arkansaw: A State and Its Reputation*, exploring Arkansas's hillbilly image, produced by the Old State House Museum in Little Rock.



## Civil War Sesquicentennial

*To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, in 2012 the museum:*

Offered the symposium "Other Voices: Civil War in the Ozarks," which explored the homefront experiences of women, African Americans, Native Americans, and members of the Peace Society, grant funded by the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

Mounted the exhibit "Nothing but sorry, trouble, and worry," based on memories of people in the Ozarks during the Civil War.

Researched and developed a new school program on Civil War medicine.

Received funding from the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District and the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission (thanks to Sen. Jon Woods) for a Civil War Sesquicentennial marker for Springdale, to be erected in 2013.

Recorded three podcasts about the Ozark Civil War homefront for inclusion on the Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission website.

Coordinated a public Civil War event at Fayetteville's Town Center under an Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission grant.

## A Busy Staff!

*Held offices or volunteered with:*

American Association for State and Local History (AASLH); AASLH Nomenclature Committee; Arkansas Chapter Trail of Tears Association; Arkansas Humanities Council; Arkansas Living History Association; Arkansas Museums Association (AMA); *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture*; Heritage Trail Partners; Historic Monte Ne Preservation Project; Historic Springdale; Institute for Museum and Library Services; Northwest Arkansas History Day; Rodeo of the Ozarks; Southeastern Registrars Association; Springdale Kiwanis Club; Springdale Student Film & Multimedia Festival; Washington County Historical Society

*Presented sessions at, consulted for, or judged:* AASLH annual meeting, Salt Lake City; AMA annual meeting, Little Rock; Association of Midwest Museums' Leadership Academy, Chicago; Eureka Springs Historical Museum; First Division Museum, Wheaton, IL; Larry Foley's film *Up Among the Hills*; Lowell Historical Museum; Old State House Museum, Little Rock; Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park; University of Arkansas landscape architecture classes.

*Attended:* AASLH archives course; AHA annual meeting, Fayetteville; Jekyll Island Management Institute, GA; marketing workshop, Fayetteville; mount-making workshop at Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock; museum board workshop, Rogers; Southeastern Museums Conference, Williamsburg, VA



## By the Numbers

In 2012 we had:

\$1,316,726	in the endowment on Dec. 31, 2012
\$600,150	annual budget
51,618	people served
\$49,237	worth of volunteer hours donated
\$42,444	in endowment gifts
\$38,778	in earned revenue
\$33,200+	worth of materials and services donated in-kind
24,773	podcasts and educational content downloaded
\$21,507	in membership dues
5,413	children using discovery boxes
4,818	walk-in visitors from 45 states and 13 countries
\$3,515	in grants received
2,936	volunteer hours donated
706	students who attended "Sheep to Shawl"
517	research and photo requests
273	public programs offered
163	teachers attended our professional development training
51	active volunteers
14	new podcasts
10	new exhibits, including a Latino youth photo exhibit, works by Plein Air Painters of the Ozarks, and <i>Girl Scouting Through the Years</i>

## New Staff in 2012

April Griffith, library assistant  
 Don House, photographer  
 Megan Kaplan, weekend/education assistant  
 Adam Pang, weekend assistant  
 Kathy Plume, secretary/receptionist

## Significant Collaborations

<i>Worked with</i>	<i>To</i>
Hispanic Womens Organization of Arkansas	Add Latino culture activities to History Camp
NWA Sacred Harp Singers	Create a new discovery box about Sacred Harp
Pettigrew residents	Hold Pettigrew Day, celebrating Madison County history
Tontitown Historical Museum	Celebrate the 11 <sup>th</sup> Tontitown Polenta Smear
Springdale Athletic Foundation	Hold our "Beans & Cornbread" fundraiser at Springdale High School
Fayetteville BPW, Fayetteville AAUW, Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, and Washington County Democratic Women	Screen <i>Iron-Jawed Angels</i> , a film about the American women's suffrage movement
Arkansas Archeological Survey	Hold Artifact Identification Day
Arvest Bank & First Security Bank	Hold the 35 <sup>th</sup> Ozark Quilt Fair
Author/photographer Chris Engholm	Complete the Arkansas Humanities Council grant-funded oral history project about the White River
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (Bentonville, AR); National Constitution Center (Philadelphia, PA); National Inventors Hall of Fame (Alexandria, VA); Rogers Historical Museum (Rogers, AR); and Winslow Museum (Winslow, AR)	Loan Shiloh Museum collections for exhibits

## Did You Know?

We began using e-volunteers for library work (they work from home and report in virtually); some even live halfway across the country!

Twelve new "Artifact of the Month" listings were added to our website.

The education staff developed a life-sized replica of a covered wagon to provide an experiential component to their "Log Cabins and Covered Wagons" program.

We hosted five school and family reunions, three book signings, and a holiday violin concert.

The new Common Core Curriculum was incorporated into all school programs.

We improved our flower beds, planted herbs, built a compost pile, planted sassafras, possumhaw, and redbud trees, installed split-rail fencing donated by Pea Ridge National Military Park, and got a spiffy new riding lawn mower.





## Our Partners in 2012

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Accident School alumni & friends	Girl Scout Troop 5030, Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas Council	Pea Ridge National Military Park
Paul Ahrens	Har-Ber High School EAST Lab	Pettigrew community
American Association for State and Local History	Heritage Trail Partners	Photo Identification Group
Arkansas Archeological Survey	Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas	Plein Air Painters of the Ozarks
Arkansas Boston Mountain Chapter, National Railway Historical Society	Historic Arkansas Museum	Poets Northwest
Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission	Historic Monte Ne Preservation Partners	Prairie Grove Battlefield Historic State Park
Arkansas Humanities Council	Historic Springdale	Quilters United in Learning Together
Arkansas Living History Association	Holcomb family	Rogers Historical Museum
Arkansas Museums Association	KFSM-TV	Rural Community Alliance
Arkansas Public Policy Panel	KNWA-TV	Sons of Confederate Veterans
Arkansas State Rep. [now Sen.] Jon Woods	KUAF radio	Springdale Airport Commission
Army Corps of Engineers, Beaver Lake office	KUAF radio	Springdale Animal Services
Arvest Bank	LifeWriters	Springdale Chamber of Commerce
David Atwood	Lyrasis	Springdale City Administration
Beaver Water District	Magnolia Inn	Springdale IT Dept.
Botanical Garden of the Ozarks	Missouri State University Dept. of Ozark Studies	Springdale Planning Dept.
Pat Carr	Murrell Home, Park Hill, OK	Springdale Public Schools
Circle of Life Hospice	National Constitution Center, Philadelphia	Springdale Trails Task Force
Clements & Associates	National Inventors Hall of Fame & Museum, Alexandria, VA	Tellers of Tales
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art	Northwest Arkansas Airport Authority/XNA	Tim Turek & pb2 architecture + engineering
Marion Chapter, DAR	Northwest Arkansas Civil War Roundtable	Tontitown Historical Museum
East of Zion Plus	Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.	Tyson Foods, Inc.
<i>Encyclopedia of Arkansas History &amp; Culture</i>	Northwest Arkansas Handweavers Guild	University Museum Collections
Endeavor Foundation	Northwest Arkansas Herb Society	University of Arkansas Dept. of Geosciences
Tim Ernst	Northwest Arkansas History Day	University of Arkansas Dept. of History
Chris Engholm	Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists	University of Arkansas Dept. of Landscape Architecture
E.S.A. Sorority	Northwest Arkansas Newspapers	Washington County Cooperative Extension Service
Fayetteville Business & Professional Women	Northwest Arkansas Sacred Harp Singers	Washington County Historical Society
First Security Bank	Northwest Arkansas Samplers	Washington County Master Gardeners
First United Methodist Church	Northwest Technical Institute	Will Bush Violin Studio
Fishback School alumni & friends	Old State House Museum	Winslow Museum
Larry Foley	Ozark Wireless Society	Wool and Wheel Handspinners Guild
Ghost Hunters of South Tulsa	Ozarks Afro-American Heritage Museum	

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Dr. C. S. Applegate\*, Dr. Dwight Heathman, Martha Lankford\*, Maudine Sanders\*, Stephen Taylor \*deceased

### Staff

Allyn Lord, director; Edward Andrus, library assistant; Marie Demeroukas, photo archivist/research librarian; Amjad Faur, photographer; Pody Gay, education manager; Don House, photographer; Megan Kaplan, education/weekend assistant; Curtis Morris, exhibits manager; Kathy Plume, secretary/receptionist; Marty Powers, maintenance; Carolyn Reno, assistant director/collections manager; Victoria Thompson, education/collections assistant; Susan Young, outreach coordinator

### Volunteers

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### Mission Statement

*The Shiloh Museum of Ozark History serves the public by providing resources for finding meaning, enjoyment, and inspiration in the exploration of the Arkansas Ozarks.*

Adopted by the Shiloh Museum Board of Trustees on July 13, 2006

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**Cover photo:** Library assistant April Griffith (center) helps researchers Laura Redford (left) and Marty Benson. *Photo by Don House*